



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
Alain Lagnier	)	Group Art Unit: 1733
Application No.: 10/820,860	)	Examiner: STEVEN D MAKI
Filed: April 9, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: 8692
For: TREAD COMPRISING INCISIONS	)	
AND LAMELLA FOR MOLDING	)	
THESE INCISIONS	)	

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 7, 2005, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected as obvious over JP '115 in view of any of Japan '916, Shinohara, and EP '425. However, it is not seen that there is any motivation from those documents for combining two types of roughness on the walls of an incision, let alone the two particular roughness types recited in claim 1, namely (1) a micro roughness 3,3' (e.g., produced by shotblasting), the average width of which is between .01 and .1 of the incision's width (e), and (2) a macro roughness formed by lines in relief having a maximum height of at least .1 of the incision's width (e).

Moreover, there is enclosed an English translation of the French priority document, demonstrating that the present inventor made his invention prior to the effective date of JP '115, thereby eliminating that document as a viable reference against the claims of the present application.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in  
condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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